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November 20, 2009 marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia (which later became the League of Women Voters of Virginia). Story and more pictures inside.



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President's Column

Hello All -

As all of many many flakes of snow from our 2009 blizzard melt away, it leads me to think, what's snowing on the LWVLC? Quite a bit, perhaps a little more than forecast. Water issues, fiscal peril, budgets, schools redistricting, clean air just to name a few.

If these issues and challenges of the day are snow, sleet and even rain, the membership of the League are the earth and roots, rich in knowledge and support. Let's gather this winter and as 2010 begins, let's resolve to help our county flourish.

In 2009, we celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Suffrage movement. We distributed to our membership the "Virginia Women and The Vote - 1909-2009" written by Bernice Colvard on the Equal Suffrage League and The League of Women Voters in Virginia.

In 2010, we hope to lend our voice regarding the County/School budget and our position on education, offer forums of discussion on the water issues in Loudoun, continue to register the Loudoun County high school seniors, and new this year, begin to offer the Woman of the Year award to a deserving woman in the County and much much more.

However, just as shoveling the snow has to be done bit by bit and it takes the joint effort of many entities to clear roads and parking lots, etc. Fulfilling the objectives of the League of Women Voters Loudoun County takes the many efforts of all. We invite everyone to join the League and help us.

Just as a friendly reminder, please don't forget League Day at the General Assembly on January 27. We will meet in the General Assembly building at Senate room 3 West at 8:30 a.m.

Finally, thank you all for your membership and supporting the LWVLC this past year and we wish you a happy New Year.

Sincerely -

Glenda Parsons - co-President
Carla Wiley - co-President

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### LOCAL – LWVLC

**Program Planning – YOUR INPUT NEEDED!** On Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, LWVLC will hold a Unit Meeting to discuss Program Planning for our local league as well as National League. Please visit the website [www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/](http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/). All members are encouraged to attend the meeting, or to submit suggestions for program planning. Suggestions can be submitted via email (see front page for address) if you are unable to attend. The meeting will be held at the Leesburg

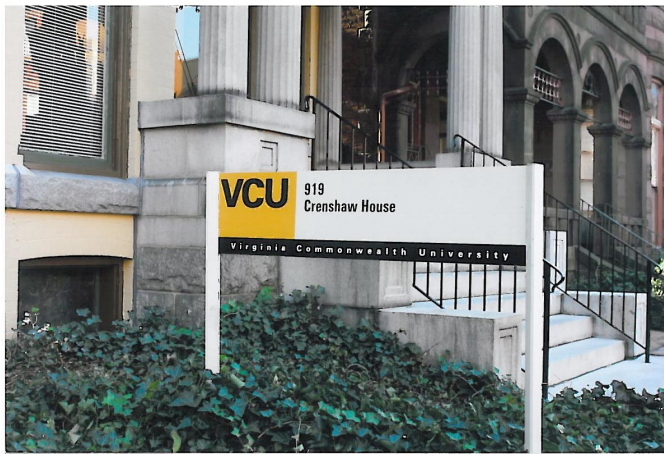
Airport, 1001 Sycolin Rd SE, Leesburg, VA, 20175, from 7-9pm. See the Calendar (<http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/calendar.html>) for more details. This year we will also be discussing topics on the LWVUS agenda. Please take a look at the LWVUS website (<http://www.lwv.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>), and see if there is a topic that interests you. We would like to have members research some of the topics and provide inputs to the board. Please contact one of the Co-Presidents if you would like to take the lead on researching a topic. See front page for their contact information.

**2010 Outstanding Woman Award.** The League of Women Voters Loudoun County is accepting nominations to help us recognize outstanding women for their efforts to improve the quality of life in Loudoun County. Nomination packets can be downloaded from our website, or from Co-President Carla Wiley. Nominees should be residents of Loudoun County. Deadline for nominations is February 12, 2010. We will present the award at our Women's History Month Tea on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2010. **\*\*Current Board Members of the League of Women Voters Loudoun County are ineligible for this award.\*\*** Other details and eligibility requirements can be found in the nomination packet.

**Giving Guide 2010.** At the back of the newsletter you will find the 2010 Giving Guide for the League of Women Voters Loudoun County. Please take a look, and please share the guide with friends and neighbors who may be interested in supporting the efforts of the League.

**Virginia Women and the Vote 1909 – 2009** One hundred years ago, in 1909, a group of women met in Richmond to establish Virginia's Equal Suffrage League (ESL), which evolved into today's League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA). The idea for a book about women's suffrage in Virginia was conceived by current LWV-VA President Olga Hernandez. Virginia Women and the Vote 1909-2009 chronicles the events of those 100 years. LWVUS has sent a copy of this beautiful and informative book for each member of our League, which we will distribute at the Women's History Month Tea and at the Annual Meeting. We also have a few extra copies available for sale for \$10, if you would like to give one as a gift. Please contact Co-President Glenda Parsons if you would like an additional copy, or to arrange to receive your copy prior to the Tea. Read the full press release about the book at [http://www.lwv-va.org/files/virginia\\_women\\_and\\_the\\_vote.pdf](http://www.lwv-va.org/files/virginia_women_and_the_vote.pdf).

**Dedication of the Crenshaw House:** On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Virginia Commonwealth University's College of Humanities and Sciences, the VCU Libraries, and the Virginia League of Women Voters commemorated the centennial anniversary of the founding of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia, precursor to the League of Women Voters, at Anne Clay Crenshaw's house in Richmond. A suffrage march was followed by the official renaming of the building to The Crenshaw House. Marchers, some in period dress, sang songs and carried signs and banners promoting women's suffrage. Shortly after the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified, the Equal Suffrage League became the League of Women Voters of Virginia. The Crenshaw house was owned by the Crenshaw family for nearly 40 years, and was purchased by the Richmond Professional Institute, now VCU, in the 1960's. It currently serves as the VCU Center for Public Policy. Two members of the League of Women Voters Loudoun County, current co-president Glenda Parsons and former president Betsy Mayr attended the ceremonies.



**Happy 2010!** We have a lot of plans for the coming year! Please check our website, [www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/](http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/) frequently for dates and times of meetings and events, and for updates on our activities. Members are always welcome at Board Meetings, and are encouraged to participate in events, provide inputs and suggestions for program planning, activities and fund raising, and to recruit new members to the League!

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VIRGINIA – LWV-VA

Two League Members Appointed By the Governor to the Virginia Complete Count Committee (CCC): Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced the creation of the Virginia Complete Count Committee by [Executive Order 99](#) on Nov 6, 2009. The Committee will serve as the central conduit of information in Virginia's efforts to ensure an accurate and comprehensive survey in the 2010 Census. CCC will also facilitate the sharing of ideas and resources between various communities in the Commonwealth. Appointed were League members: **Carol Hawn**, LWV of the Fairfax Area and Member Fairfax County Complete Count Committee and **Olga Hernandez**, President of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. The complete press release from the Governor's office can be found at http://www.lwv-va.org/files/complete_count_committee.pdf.

Suffragist Memorial: In partnership with [Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority \(NVRPA\)](#), the [League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area \(LWVFA\)](#) is raising funds to erect a suffragist memorial to commemorate the struggle of these women and educate future generations. Targeted completion date for the first phase is 2010 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment. [Donate Now](#) and help pay for this tribute to the suffragists.

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## **NATIONAL – LWVUS**

### **2010 LWVUS Convention Preparation Discussion List**

This new discussion list is a combination of previous Program Planning and Convention discussion lists. We designed this new list because we recognize that program planning and Convention discussions are two parts of the process of preparing for Convention. League

members can use this list to discuss and/or promote national issues for Program Planning or to discuss the 2010 Convention in Atlanta, GA. Questions concerning Program Planning or Convention processes or interaction with other members about the business of the Convention are encouraged. This list is not designed for debating study topics during the Program Planning period or for debating recommended or non-recommended items before Convention. The discussion list was opened to all members starting Friday, September 18. To subscribe to or unsubscribe from this discussion list, go to <https://member.lwv.org/member.asp>. You will need to login. Please also invite others to participate. Questions about this new discussion list can be sent to Board Member Norman Turrill at [lwvturrill@mac.com](mailto:lwvturrill@mac.com).

**The Susan Bee Newsletter :** The first issue of *The Susan Bee* is now available on the LWV-US website, [http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Recent\\_News\\_and\\_Updates&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=14478](http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Recent_News_and_Updates&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=14478). The newsletter contains short updates on LWV-US work and provides the location on the website for more detailed and timely information.

#### ADVOCACY

##### **Health Care Reform: Contact Your Senators Now!**

The U.S. Senate continues to debate health care reform. Be sure to contact your Senators and urge them to vote for comprehensive health care reform.

##### **2010 LWVUS Advocacy Priorities: Time to Submit Your Suggestions**

The LWVUS Board will be determining Advocacy Priorities for 2010 at the Board Meeting in late January. If you would like to submit suggestions, please send an email to [jduffy1wv@aol.com](mailto:jduffy1wv@aol.com) by January 15. Please indicate whether your suggestion is submitted as an individual or the result of a committee or League meeting. All suggested advocacy priority topics will be compiled into a report to the Board for consideration.

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2010 Calendar

For complete calendar information, check the website at:

<http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/calendar.html>

January:

Monday, Jan 25, 2010, 7-9pm, Conference room, Leesburg Airport: LWVLC Board Meeting and Unit meeting. All members welcome.

February:

Monday, Feb 22, 7-9pm, location TBD: LWVLC Board Meeting. All members welcome.

March:

Sunday, March 14, 2010, 12-2pm, National Conference Center, Lansdowne, VA: Women's History Month Tea.

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Please add my voice to over 120,000 members and supporters nationwide!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$60 Individual or _____ \$90 Family (Make dues checks payable to: LWVLC)

- Please send the LWV Voter Newsletter by e-mail. (*Please provide your current e-mail address*)
- Please send notifications of League activities by e-mail. (*Please provide your current e-mail*)
- I want to support the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County with a donation so it can continue its work to promote informed participation in government. Enclosed is my donation of \$_____.

Please make donation checks payable to **LWVLC Education Fund**.
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